HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced	by:	Ayres

A HOUSE RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Chesterton High School State Debate Team for winning the 2005 State Debate Championship.

Whereas, The Chesterton High School State Debate Team competed in the State Debate Championship on February 5th and 6th 2005, fielding teams for the Policy Team Debate, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Congressional Legislative Debate, and Public Forum Team Debate;

Whereas, Chesterton High School State Debate Team accomplished what no other school had ever done before with their four entries sweeping the field of 29 competing teams and capturing the top four slots of the competition;

Whereas, All of the Chesterton High School State Debate Team participants broke out of the preliminary competition to advance to the elimination rounds including Amy Zehner, Mike Frost, Patricia Podguski, Rachel Wyatt, Shannon Alexander, Nicole Horvath, Katelyn Holsclaw, Matt Frost, Stephanie

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Leopold, AJ Rodriguez, Kevin Small, Kelly Starcevich, Samantha Wuletich, Scott Coffer, Stefan Barkow, Sarah Svendsen, Phil Braunlich, Ryan Anderson, Kevin Weaver, Matt Deleon, Alex Sisto, Sarah Christoferson, Melissa Frye, Margaret Knopic and Kate Weber;

Whereas, AJ Rodriguez, Kevin Small, Kelly Starcevich, Samantha Wuletich, Scott Cofer, Stefan Barkow, Sarah Svedsen and Phil Braunlich all competed in the Policy Team Debate event:

Whereas, Policy Team Debate champions were A.J. Rodriguez and Kevin Small;

Whereas, Katelyn Holsclaw, Nicole Horvath, Matt Frost and Stephanie Leopold competed in the Lincoln-Douglas Debate:

Whereas, Katelyn Holsclaw finished third in the state for the Lincoln-Douglas Debate Tournament;

Whereas, Mike Frost, Rachel Wyatt, Patricia Podguski, Amy Zehner and Shannon Alexander competed in the Congressional Legislative Debate;

Whereas, Mike Frost broke to the final Super Senate competition and placed second in a field of 90 debaters with Rachel Wyatt joining him in the finals where they placed fourth:

Whereas, Ryand Anderson, Kevin Weaver, Margaret Knopic, Kate Weber, Melissa Frye, Sarah Christoferson, Matt DeLeon and Alex Sisto competed in the Public Forum Team Debate;

Whereas, Ryan Anderson and Kevin Weaver broke to the Public Forum Team Debate quarter finals losing only to the eventual state champion;

Whereas, Coaches James Cavallo, Kirsten Reed, and Chris Lowery should be commended for their contributions of time and effort in guiding these champions to victory;

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Whereas, The Chesterton High School Debate Team has won the State Championship for the past eight years making this the 16th State Championship for the team; and

Whereas, These young men and women are to be commended for their dedication and hard work, and congratulated for their outstanding accomplishments in the field of debating: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives do honor and congratulate the Chesterton High School State Debate Team for winning the 2005 State Debate Championship.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit copies to James Cavallo, Kirsten Reed, Chris Lowery, Amy Zehner, Mike Frost, Patricia Podguski, Rachel Wyatt, Shannon Alexander, Nicole Horvath, Katelyn Holsclaw, Matt Frost, Stephanie Leopold, AJ Rodriguez, Kevin Small, Kelly Starcevich, Samantha Wuletich, Scott Coffer, Stefan Barkow, Sarah Svendsen, Phil Braunlich, Ryan Anderson, Kevin Weaver, Matt Deleon, Alex Sisto, Sarah Christoferson, Melissa Frye, Margaret Knopic and Kate Weber.

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